

MR. POST: My name is Charlie Post. I live in Grand Junction. I have lived here for about 35 years. Some of the things that they've talked about, I would like to raise the bar a little bit. One of the other speakers talked about the costs of the leasing program. We -- I think it's necessary for, for the lease program to at least recoup the cost that we're talking about when we're extracting the resource. Very often we see that, yes, there are royalties paid. But, are we seeing the full cost recovered for the taxpayer? I, I think it's only fair that not only do they pay the royalties, they also pay the administrative costs. I'm not sure that that's being totally dealt with or being talked about. The self-bonding issue, I, I can't believe that that's a no-brainer for anybody else but me. I mean when you have a group of companies that are going bankrupt, you expect them to self-bond. So, that has to come off the table. That, that's unconscionable in my way of thinking. The reclamation process. I attended another meeting. And it said that seven to 10 years out that some of these areas are still not being reclaimed. And I -- I'm dumbfounded at why that's being allowed. Two to five years, that should be the amount of time that we're talking about for them to be done on all public lands. The lease doesn't cover them for an indeterminate period of time. I believe we can all understand that coal is coming under fire. I'm not sure that in 50 years it will be a reasonable choice for us to be making. If it's still there, well, that's fine. But, I hope the transition is not as painful as we're starting to see right now. I would hope that we have leadership that allows us to make a transition in a rational manner. Thanks.